

Daniel J. Riley talks about his encounter with U.S. Marshals on the Internet at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9Lra_5BJ_c

Riley was arrested at 63 Younglove Ave. in Cohoes.

Tax fugitives Edward and Elaine Brown's 100-acre estate in Plainfield, N.H.

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A dubious alliance leads to jail as Cohoes man awaits trial

Police say local electrician joined tax-evading couple in New Hampshire standoff

By **ROBERT GAVIN**
 Staff writer

They didn't believe in paying taxes. They also didn't believe in going to prison.

When Daniel J. Riley of Cohoes heard their message in January, he believed in Edward and Elaine Brown — and joined their fight against the U.S. government, federal court papers show.

Within months, the 40-year-old

electrician was sleeping next to a shotgun, setting up motion detectors and ordering explosives to assist the fugitive couple holed up on their 100-acre New Hampshire estate, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Concord.

Riley allegedly planned to defend the couple "with force" if agents swooped into the Plainfield, N.H., fortress, but it never got that far. Last week, he was arrested at his Younglove Avenue home and faces up to 21 years in prison if convicted on charges that include conspiring against the U.S. government.

"Everyone is free to criticize our tax laws," said Stephen Monier, the

U.S. marshal for New Hampshire. "What you're not free to do is aid convicted felons who are obstructing justice."

Riley had his own view. In videotaped interviews now circulating on the Internet and YouTube.com, he made it crystal-clear, calling on "true Americans" to "wake up" and join the opposition to government tax policies and international bankers.

"If you're an American patriot fighting for the Constitution, I can't see how you can't give support to this cause," Riley, wearing sunglasses, told an interviewer from the Keene, N.H.-based "Free Minds" TV on July 15. Please see **RILEY A5** ▶

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Moose puts stretcher to the test



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State DEC workers and local law enforcement officials help carry a tranquilized bull moose Wednesday to a waiting trailer in Waterford. The yearling first visited Lansingburgh after leaving its Rensselaer Plateau home in the morning then swam across the Hudson and wandered into a Second Street backyard, where it appeared unwilling to leave and was knocked out with darts.

Story/D1; for video of the moose, see <http://timesunion.com>

Senate hiring targets Spitzer

Republican-led Investigations Committee pays \$500,000 for D.C. attorney to probe Troopergate scandal

By **RICK KARLIN**
 Capitol bureau

ALBANY — The state Senate has hired a high-profile Republican lawyer from Washington, D.C., to help investigate the Troopergate affair, at a cost of up to \$500,000 for six months of work.

Democrats blasted the move, with one questioning if the expense is legal.

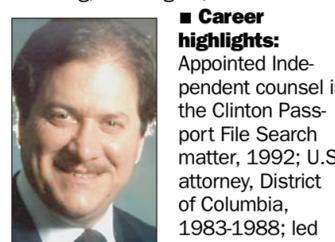
Joseph E. diGenova's responsibilities include advising Senate Republicans on whether it would be realistic to try to subpoena Democratic Gov. Eliot Spitzer to testify about Troopergate, in which Attorney General Andrew Cuomo found that staffers for the governor had State Police improperly create records on Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno's state-funded travel.

Mostly, though, diGenova, who referred questions to the Senate, will be assisting the Senate Investigations Committee in its ongoing Troopergate inquiry.

"This guy seemed like a great fit," said Sen. George Winner, R-Elmira, who heads the Investigations Committee. DiGenova is starting "right away," said Winner, who said he'll supplement the Investigations Committee's limited staff. Please see **COUNSEL A10** ▶

Joseph E. diGenova

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■ **On the Web:** <http://www.digenova.toensing.com/main.htm>

\$190M turns toxic site into field

Army Corps of Engineers says removal of tainted soil from NL Industries plant is complete

By **JORDAN CARLEO-EVANGELIST**
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COLONIE — After more than two decades and \$190 million, the federal government says its cleanup of soil tainted with uranium and lead at the former NL Industries munitions plant on Central Avenue is complete.

This month, the last trainload of contaminated dirt was hauled out, ending major work in the colossal cleanup that began in 1984, when state regulators shuttered the facility for spewing radioactive metal dust.

"It's big," said James Moore, who oversaw the project for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "This is



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A CAR passes the former NL Industries plant, now free of contaminants. The point where everyone wants to be. We're crossing the finish on a really big milestone."

The end comes as scientists continue to probe what, if any, measurable effects the pollution had on nearby neighborhoods. A number of current and former residents and

people who worked at the plant blame the contamination for illnesses that afflicted them and their families.

Researchers continue to view NL's remains as a unique opportunity to study the environmental and health Please see **SITE A9** ▶

Silver gets rarer when it comes to anniversaries

Most American marriages never make it 25 years, new census data show

By **SAM ROBERTS**
 New York Times

Don't stock up on silver anniversary cards. More than half the Americans who might have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries since 2000 were either divorced, separated or widowed, according to a census survey released Wednesday.

For the first time since at least World War II, married people had a less than even chance of still being married 25 years later.

The survey by the Census Bureau, in 2004, confirmed that most Americans eventually marry, but they are marrying later and are less likely to be Please see **MARRIAGE A5** ▶

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Lottery for new homes in Troy

Nine families to participate in a lottery this morning at Troy City Hall to own five new homes.

For details about this and other updated stories: <http://timesunion.com>

